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Press Release

For Immediate Release

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The City of Norman is continuing its recovery process in the wake of the May 10, 2010, severe weather that caused damage in Norman. The City's debris removal contractor is TRF Enterprises, Inc. Their hours of operation will be from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, seven (7) days a week beginning Tuesday, May 25, 2010. Beginning Monday, May 24, 2010, informational door hangers will be hand-delivered to each home a day or more in advance of the debris removal contractors' arrival.

In order to ensure a timely and orderly collection of storm debris, we encourage citizens to follow the guidelines listed below.

- Norman residents are asked to place any storm-generated debris from this event on the public right-of-way. The public right-of-way is the area of residential property that extends from the street to the sidewalk, ditch, utility pole or easement. Residents should make every effort to place clean, woody debris along the public street right-of-way and not in alleyways or drainage channels. This should include storm-damaged limbs, branches and other vegetative material (woody burnable debris such as limbs and shrubbery). This material should be cut in approximately 8' -12' lengths and stacked in piles along the right-of-way or within 5' of the curb or edge of roadway.
- Only residential properties are eligible for debris removal. No commercial or industrial properties will be provided debris removal services by the City of Norman.
- Keep vegetative debris separated from construction and demolition debris, as they will be collected separately. Construction and demolition debris includes building materials such as wood, roof shingles, glass, metal products as well as appliances and furniture. Bagged debris should not be placed on the public right-of-way; only loose debris will be collected.
- Do not place debris near water meters, fire hydrants or any other above-ground utilities. Only debris placed on the public right-of-way will be eligible for collection until further notice.
- During the debris removal process, City contractors will collect debris along the street right-of-way. Residents may experience increased traffic, temporary road closures or delays on some streets where these contractors are working. Contractors will have flag persons and signage

displayed to alert you of their operations. Please be cautious when passing and travel at slow speeds in these areas.

- The City will make at least two passes in rural and urban Norman over the next 30 – 60 days. If all debris is not picked up during the initial pass, please continue to push remaining debris to the right-of-way for collection on subsequent passes.
- Weekly household garbage and yard waste collection will continue its normal schedule. Limbs no larger than two inches in diameter, bundled in four foot lengths will be picked up by the City Sanitation Division. Larger items can be taken to the City Transfer Station located at 3901 S. Chautauqua or the City Compost Facility located at 398 Bratcher Miner Road. Please place the bags of yard waste along the curb as usual, but keep separate from the storm debris.
- All residential neighborhoods that were impacted by this storm event and that receive regular city services are eligible for debris removal. In other words, debris removal will be provided to residential properties located on public and private streets, provided that those properties receive city services such as sanitation or water.
- Residents are asked to remove parked cars or other obstructions from the public street when the debris contractor is working.
- To report private property damage incurred as a result of this debris removal operation, please call the Beck Disaster Recovery hotline at 1-800-413-2325.
- Please check the City of Norman Website **www.normanok.gov** for additional information and updates on the debris removal process.

For more information, please call the City's Action Center at **366-5396**.

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